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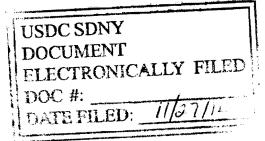
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Re: Bath and Body Works Brand Management, Inc. v. Summit Entertainment, LLC, USDC Case No. 11 CV 1594

Dear Judge Cott:

We represent defendant and counterclaimant Summit Entertainment, LLC ("Summit") in the above matter.

In Your Honor's Order dated October 24, 2012 [Docket No. 85], the Court directed Summit and plaintiff and counter-defendant Bath & Body Works Brand Management, Inc. ("BBW") to further meet and confer regarding Summit's entitlement to add counterclaims relevant to BBW's newly asserted priority affirmative defense. This requirement was based upon BBW's refusal to agree to Summit's proposed Third Amended Answer and Counterclaims, which BBW wrongfully characterized to the Court in its October 18, 2012 correspondence as containing "new allegations concerning additional trademark registrations that Summit has acquired, changes to Summit's dilution and unfair competition claims, and additional prayers for relief" and "an improper attempt to expand the scope of its claims." On the contrary, Summit's proposed Third Amended Answer and Counterclaims merely: (a) updated Paragraph 9 of Summit's Counterclaims, which listed Sumrnit's TWILIGHT trademark registrations, to recite registrations¹ of TWILIGHT recently issued by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office ("PTO"); and (b) corrected two inadvertent citation errors made by Summit that, to Summit's chagrin, had persisted across Summit's First and Second Amended Answer and Counterclaims, namely, (1) Summit's citation to California's dilution statute, not New York's, in its state dilution cause of action and (2) reference to California's unfair competition statute, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200.

The parties have since met and conferred regarding the above (the occasion of which was delayed to Hurricane Sandy) and have come to the following agreement:

¹ Summit previously produced the underlying applications to BBW. USDC SDNY DATE SCANNED 11/30/11

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- (1) Summit may amend its Counterclaims as it originally proposed regarding BBW's newly asserted priority affirmative defense; and
- (2) Paragraph 9 of Summit's Counterclaims, which was updated by Summit to recite registrations of TWILIGHT recently issued by the PTO, will remain unchanged without prejudice to Summit's right otherwise to assert or rely on any of these recently issued TWILIGHT registrations at the trial of this case.

BBW remains unwilling to allow Summit leave to correct two inadvertent citation errors and, thus, the parties remain at an impasse as relates to this minor issue.

BBW will not be prejudiced by Summit's correction of the aforementioned citation errors² and has not claimed any prejudice. Such might be assumed when the amendments sought are mere corrections of inadvertent errors. The fact is that the parties have been litigating Summit's dilution claim under federal and New York law since the inception of this matter. BBW's Complaint itself seeks a declaration from the Court that BBW's actions at issue do not dilute any of Summit's trademark rights under federal or New York law. (Docket No. 1, ¶¶ 58-62.)

Despite the above, BBW's stated reason for refusing to grant Summit leave to correct these citation errors is because it believes it is inconsistent with the Court's admonition, in its October 24 Order, that "any amendment should address cancellation of the Coty registrations, but nothing beyond that topic." [Docket No. 85.] Summit acknowledges that these citation corrections are not relevant to the Coty registrations. However, Summit sought leave to make these corrections simultaneous to its amendment of its Counterclaims relevant to BBW's priority affirmative defense in the interest of efficiency and to save the Court's resources, as opposed to meeting and conferring on these corrections separately. As the instant letter reflects, Summit's interest in efficiency has been spurned by BBW for no good reason, particularly when BBW is seeking declaratory relief, in party, under New York's dilution law. It would be illogical for BBW to have declaratory relief claims under New York law with no corresponding counterclaims by Summit under the same New York law.

In sum, Summit requests that the Court grant it leave to file the Third Amended Answer and Counterclaims in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, which reflects Summit's amendments to its Counterclaims regarding BBW's newly asserted priority affirmative defense that the parties have agreed to (Counterclaim ¶¶ 21-37, 72, 75, 76, and 80-90; Prayer for Relief ¶ 3) and Summit's correction of its inadvertent citation errors (Counterclaim ¶¶ 57-58 and 92; Prayer for Relief ¶¶ 1 and 8). Attached for the

Summit's Counterclaims' references to California law were merely an oversight on its part, one for which it takes responsibility (and, to be honest, is embarrassed to have only recently identified).

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Court's convenience as **Exhibit B** is a redline showing how Summit's proposed Third Amended Answer and Counterclaims has been revised from its operative Answer and Counterclaims.

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Having received no objection from BBW to the requested

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Third Amended Answer and

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has proposed in Exh. Lit A to

this letter. Summit is directed

To fle the Third Americal Answer and Count claims as a separate,

stand-alone do cument, and

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it. SO ORDERED.

Jus.M.J.
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